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**CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA**  
**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Mayor JB Burke**  
**Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran**  
**Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges**  
**Councilman Larry Ferguson**  
**Councilman Christopher Mills**

**Regular Meeting**

**August 26, 2014**

**Action Minutes**

**7:50 pm**

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*Due to several items were discussed on the Work Sessions, Regular Council Meeting started at 7:50 pm.*

**Mayor JB Burke** called the regular meeting of the Morrow City Council to order at 7:50 pm. The meeting took place in the Council Chambers of the Morrow Municipal Complex located at: 1500 Morrow Road, Morrow, GA, 30260.

**Mayor JB Burke** asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent reflection.

**1. ROLL CALL:**

**Mayor JB Burke** asked **City Clerk Viet Tran** to call the roll.

**City Clerk Viet Tran** called the roll and those present were Mayor JB Burke, Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran, Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges, Councilman Larry Ferguson, and Councilman Christopher Mills. He stated, there was a quorum present.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approved August 12, 2014 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
2. Approved August 12, 2014 Executive Session Minutes

**3. MEETING AGENDA:**

1. Approved August 26, 2014 Meeting Agenda.

**4. SWEARING IN CEREMONY:**

**Mayor JB Burke** asked **Morrow Municipal Judge Freeman** to conduct the swearing in of **Morrow Police Chief Melvin Douglas JR.** The oaths were read and repeated as follows:



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I, MELVIN DOUGLAS JR, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will well and truly demean myself to the faithful discharge and performance of the office of Chief of Police to which I have been appointed, in accordance with the Charter and ordinances of the City of Morrow. I further swear that I am qualified to hold said office, and I do not hold any office of trust under the government of the United States, the State of Georgia, or any foreign state which by the laws of Georgia I am prohibited from holding. I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public monies due the City of Morrow and will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Georgia. So help me, God.

**Morrow Police Chief Douglas** stated that,

On my honor, I will never betray my badge, my integrity, my character, or the public trust. I will always have the courage to hold myself and others accountable for our actions. I will always uphold the constitution, my community, and the agency I serve.

**Mayor JB Burke** recessed the meeting at 8:00 pm.

**Mayor JB Burke** resumed the regular Council Meeting at 8:10 pm.

**5. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Introduction of "Vial of life" Program.

The "Vial of Life Program" was presented by Fire Training Captian, Jeff Moss to Morrow Citizens. He encouraged everyone in the City to participate in the program. "The Vial of Life is designed to speak for you when you can't speak for yourself. The vial contains important medical information that can assist emergency personnel in administering the proper medical treatment."

**6. FIRST PRESENTATION:**

1. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinance, City of Morrow, Georgia; To Amend Title 2, general Government, Chapter 1, Governing Body, Section 2-1-1, Regular Meetings, Special

Meetings to allow for additional meeting times for the Council to conduct official business; to provide for codification; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting Ordinances; to provide an adoption date; an effective date; and for other purposes allowed by law. *First reading.*

*Presented by: Ethan Pham, City Attorney Assistant*

**Mayor and City Council Members** recommended to make a change of the word "Shall" to "May" and present it on the second reading.



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2. An Ordinance entitled and Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinance of the City of Morrow, Georgia, as it pertains to the recommendation, approval, and adoption of an Amended Annual Budget for the fiscal year 2014, beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014; To allocate Revenues and Expenditures for that period for the operation and enhancement of various services delivered by the City to its Citizens; for the health and well-being of the Residents and Businesses of the City of Morrow; and for other purposes. *First reading.*

**Dan Defnall, Finance Director**, presented the FY2013-2014 closing fiscal year 2014 budget and asked Mayor and City Council Members for approval on second reading.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Mayor JB Burke** asked Citizens for comments on new business items. He stated that Public Comments on Agenda Items are limited to only the discussion of new business items on tonight's Agenda.

There was no comment.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Approved the execution of a capital lease in the amount of \$140,939.00 with GMA for the purchase of four (4) Fire Department Vehicles with financing rate of 2.59% from 2015 SPLOST funds:

- FY2015 SPLOST Budget Expenditure \$27,903.96
- FY2015 General Fund Budget - Proceeds Long Term Debt Revenue \$140,939.00
- FY2015 Vehicle - Capital Purchases - Fire Department Expenditures \$140,939.00

*Presented by: Mark Herendeen, Fire Chief and Dan Defnall, Finance Director.*

2. Approved the Municipality Service Delivery Arrangement Work Authorizations for Street Resurfacing Projects:

- Phillips Drive \$77,337.73
  - Brookview Court \$ 20,480.21
  - Clearbrook Drive \$29,264.84
- Total City Expense \$ 127,082.78  
Fund FY2015 LMIG Reserve Funds \$91,738.31  
Fund FY2015 SPLOST \$35,344.47

*Presented by: Anou Sothsavath, Public Works Director.*



3. Approved the request for bid process for the Morrow Police and Public Works Roofs Replacement.

*Presented by: Anou Sothsavath, Public Works Director*

**9. GENERAL COMMENTS:**

**Mayor JB Burke** asked Citizens and City Council Members for comments.

**Citizens' comments:**

**Mr. Randy Anderson**  
**Mrs. Michelle Anderson**  
**Mrs. Melissa Smith - Bass**  
**Mrs. Cherie Crisp**  
**Mrs. Dorothy Dean**  
**Dr. Cecelia Owens**

**City Council Members and City Manager's comments:**

**City Manager Ron Few**  
**Councilman Larry Ferguson**  
**Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran**  
**Councilman Larry Ferguson**  
**Councilman Christopher Mills**

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Approved to adjourn the August 26, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

The Regular Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.

**CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA**

**Attest**

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**JB Burke, Mayor**

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**Viet Tran, City Clerk**

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